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For: SLURRY FOR CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE	) ) ) )

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449. Applicants submit this Information Disclosure Statement together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the above-identified application.

A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate its consideration by making an appropriate notation on this form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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